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The Two Orphans

Clark and Luff Refuse to Adopt Hawaiian Twins

COTT'S MONTHLY JOURNAL for December contains a reprint of the original Post Office Department proclamation regarding the issue of the Hawaii surcharges on the 2c and 5c current U. S. stamps. It is expressly stated in this Department Announcement that the stamps are to be issued to postoffices in Hawaii only, but that a supply will be available through the Philatelic Agency at Washington for collectors. The order also states in the last paragraph that "Although the sale of the special issue of surcharged stamps will be restricted to post offices in Hawaii and the philatelic agency, the stamps will be valid for the prepayment of postage at all post offices now using ordinary United States stamps."

In view of this statement we can not understand by what line of reasoning the stamps are omitted from the United States Specialized Catalog.

A Unique Air Mail Cover

On the occasion of the change of postage rate on air mail on August 1, from 10c to 5c, collectors had an opportunity to acquire covers which will stand as a record of this notable occasion. An event which has proven to be of greater importance to the development of air mail in this country than many things which have been more widely heralded. Mr. W. J. Stanton of San Diego, California, has sent a cover which is of much interest. The cover is posted at San Ysidro, California, and cancelled August 1. It is addressed to Eastport, Maine, and backstamped on August 5. Mr. Stanton says that

this cover "flew from the most south-western post office in the United States on the Mexican border, to the most northeastern post office in the United States, going from the vicinity of Tia Juana, 'the wickedest town on Earth', to Eastport, Maine, one of the most pious. I hope the Pilgrim fathers do not turn over in their graves over this sacrilege." This is indeed a cover that has much of interest attached to it.

Tom Tweezer

Many able authors have hid their light under an assumed name, until fame has added to the flame of their candle and made the light so bright that it showed them up for their true selves. Among some of the very pleasant bits of correspondence that have developed since the publication of the first number of this publication there are the ever welcome letters from "Tom Tweezer". Tom is just an ordinary stamp collector, he likes them all and as they come and he has the further desirable faculty of letting the other fellow collect as he likes and collect what he likes. Quoting from a recent letter Tom says: "I am not a glutton for the thousand dollar items, nor am I keen about the thousand for a dollar kind, but in my eyes all legitimate postage stamps are collectible, used or unused, and there is no such thing as 'junk'. What one man calls 'junk' is another man's pie. There is plenty of desirable material for everybody, rich and poor. Many happy moments in these bits of paper with their tiny engravings and varied colors and messages, if you collect just for entertainment; and you can get sore eyes and wear out tweezers and magnifying glasses

and become unconscious from benzine if you prefer to be a 'scientifico'."

Truly a man with safe and liberal views, and Tom has already written a few little bits for publication and promises more. His writings are brief, interesting and well chosen and we are glad to be able to give our readers this introduction to Tom Tweezer, whose tales will be told from time to time in the columns of this publication.

Christmas Greetings From Our Readers

From both collectors and dealers have come numerous Christmas Cards and Greetings both by ordinary mail and by air mail. The publishers as well as the editor of Linn's Weekly Stamp News deeply appreciate the messages of good cheer that come with these cards and letters.

The Economist Stamp Company send out a very handsome engraved calendar for 1929 with appropriate Greetings for the year.

A postcard from Albert W. Bullard, a man whose name is known throughout the land to a greater number of stamp collectors than is the name of some of the great specialists of this day. Albert W. Bullard is of the A. W. Bullard Co., of Boston that caters to the younger collectors and there are hundreds of thousands of the Boys that know the Bullard name.

Dr. A. E. Hussey of Cincinnati remembers us with a very attractive greeting card.

From the Arroyo Stamp Club of the Arroyo Sanitorium of Livermore, California, comes a card with cheerful greetings from a bunch of those brave boys who fought in Flanders Fields, for whom the

Poppy has replaced the Poinsetta as a Christmas flower.

The publishers have placed the name of the Arroyo Stamp Club on their mailing list and hope that the receipt of the Stamp News will provide them with some cheer through the year of 1929. Collectors who wish to add some cheer to 1929 for these boys can do so by sending a bunch of their duplicates, addressed to the Arroyo Stamp Club, Arroyo Sanitorium, Livermore, Calif.

Robert A. Turner of Roanoke, Virginia, who is advertising agent of the N. & W. Railway sends a remembrance, as has been his usual custom for many years past. Bob is an enthusiastic collector and has been planning a stamp column in the monthly publication of the N. & W. Monthly magazine for the employees of the road. Best of all, Bob has promised the editor that he will drop in at our office in Columbus sometime soon when he is out on a tour of the railway line, and he said something about bringing along some "mountain dew" when he comes.

Westchester County, N. Y., Collectors Meet

Mr. L. A. Beebe of Yonkers, N. Y., sends clippings from both the Yonker Herald and Yonkers Statesman, describing the meeting of the Westchester (New York) County Chapter of the A. P. S. held on Saturday afternoon and evening, December 15th, at the home of Mr. K. N. Woodward, president of the branch at his home on Brevoort Road in Chappaqua, N. Y. The Yonkers Herald gives almost a column on a front page to the notice of the meeting. The Club can feel elated over the fact that Editor Squire is a member of their Club and thus a publicity agent par excellence.

Mr. John O. Henschell of Scarsdale exhibited his collection of Air Mail stamps of the world while Mr. Woodward showed several volumes of his collection. Each of those present at the meeting were elated over the fact that they had received one of the first day Aeronautics Conference covers from Washington which had been sent all members by Mr. V. M. Anderson of Yonkers. Mr. Anderson enclosed a Christmas greeting in each cover and the recipients were well pleased with their new covers, and gave Mr. Anderson a hearty ovation when he put in an appearance.

The wife of the host served an appetizing spread for those present. Mr. A. C. Benschoff of Yonkers was elected to membership which brings the list up to 31 members. A representative of the York and Harlem Branches of the A. P. S. and S. P. A. was a guest at the meeting and became so enthusiastic that he wanted the rules

of the local club revised so that he could join.

Editor Squire summarized the news of the past month with relation to stamps and events that would have a bearing on stamps and his talk was of much interest. He stated that the Government had placed a sum of \$20,000 in the postal budget to be paid as rewards to persons who advise the Postal authorities regarding new ideas that they had become acquainted with of cheating the mails. Much of the Government success in running down illegal use of the Postal Service is secured through this source.

Mr. Squier also reported that it was understood that in the event of the death of King George and the accession to the throne of the new Prince of Wales he proposed to assume the title of King David I.

Mr. Beverly S. King of White Plains, N. Y. will be the host at the January meeting of this club.

A Review of Air Mail Stamps

Brigadier-General R. Ridgeway writes a very interesting 25 year review of Air Mail stamps in the December number of Gibbons' Monthly Journal. The article ends by calling attention to the fact that the entire review has had to be based on stamps of other countries than Great Britain and suggests that the deficiency in this respect could be remedied in the near future by a set of air stamps depicting the progress of Aviation in Great Britain, also on its transatlantic and Empire routes.

Collectors Hold New Year's Party

The Cooperative Collectors Club of Cincinnati will hold a New Year's Party, Monday night, January 7th, at their meeting room in the Hotel Alms.

Stop Press News

International Air Mail

The Postal Bulletin of December 21, contains notice of the Air Mail service on F. A. M. Route 6 from Miami, Florida, to Havana, Cuba, to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and then to San Juan, Porto Rico. This service is to start January 9. For the present there will be no service to Port au Prince, Hayti, and exchange of mails will not be made to Santa Clara, Camaguey, and Santiago, Cuba, all exchange of Cuban mails to be made at Havana.

F. A. M. Route 7 from Miami to Nassau, Bahamas, will begin January 2, 1929.

F. A. M. Route from Miami to Cristobal, Canal Zone, will begin January 11.

The complete government bulletin on these routes will be printed in next week's issue of this publication.

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The Mail Coach in Tahiti

By TOM TWEEZER

EVERY true philatelist is an inveterate traveler. Not all may actually travel the highways and byways of civilization and strange lands in sure enough steamboats, railroad trains, automobiles and aeroplanes; few of us can spare the time or money to see much of the world we live in through the orthodox method of direct contact, but most of us absorb a great deal of world knowledge through our stamps and its literature. This we amplify through intelligent reading of good books and magazines, and sometimes may visualize foreign sights through motion pictures.

I have just finished reading a remarkable book. It is a narrative of reality that reads like glorious romance, and the author carries you with him on his journeys in a pleasantly realistic fashion. This delightful volume, entitled "Mystic Isles of the South Seas," from the masterful pen of Frederick O'Brien, gives an interesting and intimate picture of mail transportation in Tahiti.

* * * The diligence was open at the sides and roofed with an

awning, and was drawn by two mules, with bells on their collars.

On the stage I paid twenty cents a kilometre, or six and a half cents a mile. It carried the mail, passengers, and freight. In every district there was a mailbox on the fence of the chefferie, the chief's office, and on the trees alongside the road at regular intervals, and the driver took mails from people who hailed him. Arriving at a chefferie, the stage halted, the district *mutoi*, or native policeman-postman, appeared leisurely, opened the locked box on the diligence, looked at ease over the contents, took out what he liked, and put back the remainder, with the postings of the chefferie.

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At Fa'a a postwoman appeared. Before opening the mail-box she tarried to light a cigarette and to chat with the driver about the new picture at the cinema in Papeete. She commented languidly on the writers and addressees of the letters, and flirted with a passenger.

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Stampic Dope on Current Events

By HOWARD STARR DICKEY

President Elect Herbert Hoover's good will trip to South and Central America will do much to attract the attention of stamp collectors to the fact that South and Central American stamps are not only becoming very popular but that they also have a great future; better get on the band wagon while the parade is going, "BUY."

The reason U. S. stamps have such a steady market price now days is because they are so well held,—by that, I mean that nearly everyone who has any quantity of them distributes or sells them so slowly that they are absorbed as rapidly as they are offered, hence there never is any surplus to disturb or affect current market prices; and like gold bonds, they are very much in demand.

Stamp collecting is on the increase in the middle west and also the western states. Twenty years ago the Wichita, Kansas, stamp collectors used to exchange visits with the Newton, Kansas, stamp collec-

tors, and we had lively times trading stamps; then it was an all-day drive by horse and buggy, today it only takes 40 minutes on paved roads by auto; so the old twenty year stamp clubs are exchanging visits again. On December 7th, the notables gathered at H. S. Dickey's in Newton, Kansas, to see the various local collections; among which are a College Professor's specialized Newfoundland; a Preacher's big general collection; a Business Man's St. Louis Bears on original cover, etc. All the fine stamps are not owned back east, as many people think. At the same meeting, Mr. Dickey displayed his 20 volume collection of United States.

The 1½c Denver, Colorado, Bureau Print Precancel has a novelty in the final "O" of "COLO." This final "O" is solid, no white center. This may or may not be an error, but it has the ear marks of one and is worth picking up. I have already found three copies which shows that it is constant.

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A. P. S. AIR MAIL UNIT Members of the A. P. S. who are instrumental in furthering the organization of an Air Mail Unit to the American Philatelic Society want to call attention of collectors to the fact that the chief object of the Unit is to band together those collectors who are collectors of air mail stamps. The Unit is not to become a society of collectors of air mail covers or flights. The parties who are interested in the organization of the Unit set forth the claim that the American Air Mail Society is devoted chiefly to the collection of covers and flights and that the mention of a stamp is seldom found in the reports of the Society. That there is much truth in this contention seems to be a fact and if the new A. P. S. Unit is to function along the lines that are set forth above we can see the need for the same. It will be the object of this new society Unit to list and chronicle all new issues of air mail stamps, to provide a special exchange and sale department for air mail stamps and to arrange to have a purchasing agent whose business it will be to provide new air mail stamps to members.

It would seem that the plans of the Unit are commendable and should have the support of all who are interested in air mail stamps. The collecting of air mail stamps offers a field for endeavor that should appeal to all classes of collectors. Collect them as you collect any other stamps, singles used or unused, blocks of four, covers,

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Collectors who are interested in the establishment of an Air Mail Unit of the A. P. S. can obtain full particulars by writing to Mr. John Hartwig, 4630 Victoria Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

PRECANCELS The December number of The Precancel Bee, published by Mr. Joseph J. Gloeb, 2758 Clarkson Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska, should be in the hands of every collector of precancels. It is an attractive 16 page paper of the same size as this publication and shows the result of much earnest effort and work on the part of the publisher. It would seem that with a man giving as much as Mr. Gloeb is giving to the hobby of precancel collecting that collectors everywhere should support him to the limit and that the precancel society could not do better than to get behind Mr. Gloeb with all of their membership and help him boost his paper.

Mr. Gloeb produces this publication in his own plant, he is doing more for precancels than he can ever be paid for in subscriptions from every precancel collector and it would seem that he should be supported to the limit by those who are interested in Precancels. The paper is devoted entirely to precancels and is without question the best precancel publication that has ever been offered collectors following this branch of the hobby.

EXIT 1928 The year 1928 will **ENTER 1929** always stand as an eventful one in the life of the Editor of the News. The year just closed saw the birth of this publication. The first number in the new year will be the tenth—the News will be ten weeks old with the publication of the issue of January 7th. Ten weeks don't make a birthday but ten weeks of successful work in publishing a weekly paper is just reason for feeling proud of the accomplishment that has been made. This paper has appeared promptly and on time each week, it goes in the mail every Saturday afternoon and is in the hands of our readers on time.

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The week beginning December 16, has added many new covers to the list of wanted items for the air mail collector. The deluge of special cachets applied in honor of the Wright Brothers as well as in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the New York to Chicago air mail route will give the collector something to worry about until he has gathered them all in.

It is our wish to publish a complete list of all new covers of interest and we trust that collectors who have items of recent issue that have not been listed, will submit the covers for listing when we shall return them promptly.

Without question, the most interesting of the new covers of the week of December 16, is the Kitty Hawk, N. C., cachet in honor of the Wright Brothers. This cachet was announced from some sources while others denied that a cachet would be used, stating that the facilities of the postoffice at Kitty Hawk were such that the postmaster could not cope with the situation if a cachet were promised.

Covers from several sources are at hand and all bear the same cachet and all are in black ink. Whether other official cachets or marks were applied is not known at present and if ink other than black were used we have yet to learn of that.

The cachet is just a shade under two inches square, the central device is an illustration of the original Wright plane that first flew at Kitty Hawk, while above this to the left is a modern 1928 monoplane with the date 1928 below it. Beneath the picture is the inscription

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KITTY HAWK, N. C., DEC. 17, 1903

The whole is surrounded by a single line frame.

All of the cancellations we have seen from Kitty Hawk seem to be very clear and the dates stand out distinctly. The cachet however is usually very poorly impressed and a clear printing of it seems to be hard to find.

In connection with this special cachet from Kitty Hawk, that progressive Boston, Mass., firm of H.

E. Harris & Co., took advantage of the occasion to send a cover bearing one of the new 5c Wright Brothers Stamps and the special cachet, to a host of their patrons scattered all over the world. How many covers were sent out by the Harris Company we do not know but no doubt all of their regular customers were made happy by the receipt of one of these covers. Within the cover was an attractive Christmas Greeting card from H. E. Harris, himself, together with a printed slip giving details of the cover and of the first flight of the Wright Brothers, and the events that lead up to the issue of the stamps and special cachet honoring them. The whole assembly will make an attractive page in any air mail collection.

Herbert H. Griffin of Cleveland, Ohio, has been an ardent follower of Air Mail covers for many years. Mr. Griffin took a prize at the Cleveland Exhibition last spring on his showing of Air Mail covers and he is keeping right up to date with his collection. Mr. Griffin has on several occasions prepared some distinctive covers for use on special occasions and in the event of the Kitty Hawk celebration he has prepared a cover with an elegant illustration of the actual first flight of the Wright Plane at Kitty Hawk. The cover bears an appropriate description of the picture and is marked also with the special cachet. This piece makes a very interesting addition to the records of this eventful day.

On December 17, several towns used special cachets in honor of the Wright Brothers. From Buell A. French of Hartford, Conn., we have a cover with a very attractive cachet in the outline of the state of Connecticut showing the city of Hartford on the Connecticut River. The cachet is inscribed

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Above the cachet is a small airplane in green with the words "AIR MAIL" hand lettered in red on the side of the plane.

From Boise, Idaho, Mr. F. O. Nelson sends a cover with a special anniversary cachet dedicated to the Wright Brothers. This cachet is a large diamond shaped affair stamped in purple ink. Between a double line frame is the inscription "25TH ANNIVERSARY—WRIGHT BROS' 1ST. SUCCESSFUL — AIRPLANE FLIGHT". In the center is an airplane above which is the word "BOISE" below, the word "IDAHO". At the left of the plane "DEC. 17" and at the right "1928".

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New York to Chicago Tenth Anniversary

Special cachets commemorating the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Air Mail Route from New York to Chicago are at hand from Bellefonte, Pa., Cleveland, Ohio and Toledo, Ohio.

At Bellefonte, the parties in charge of the affairs have run wild with their rubber stamps and it would be a difficult proposition to figure out just how many different combinations of cachets and colors of ink they have applied to covers from this city. There are five covers at hand now and no two of them are alike. Mr. George T. Bush, Chairman of the Kiwanis Club Committee which sponsored this anniversary celebration has kindly signed some of the covers and Mr. John L. Kinsely, postmaster at Bellefonte has also signed some of the covers. These signatures of course are greatly appreciated by all air mail collectors and usually have much bearing on establishing the legitimacy of covers when there is an occasion for doubt.

Personally we can not grow enthusiastic over the Bellefonte issues. The object of collecting air mail covers is to secure legitimate covers from certain points on certain dates. A cover or one cover should be sufficient. The object is to secure the cover which becomes part of a record of the advancement and growth of the air mail. It is desirable that the cover be marked with some special mark which we call a "CACHET". Whether this cachet is in red, blue, green, pink or purple should have no bearing on the cover under ordinary conditions. In fact it would be far better for all concerned if the cachets when applied at any point were all of the same color. This sameness should be one of the best preventatives of faking. Air Mail collectors are collecting and assembling a record of the development and growth of the air mail and are not gathering rubber stamp pictures in as many colors as they can be plastered on an envelope. An over indulgence of this sort of thing will do much harm to Air Mail Cover collecting. We trust that the American Air Mail Society will soon see fit to pass very clear resolutions to discourage the making of such covers and that the publishers of the Air Mail Catalogues will see fit to carry in their catalogues a statement to the effect that the color of ink used on a cachet shall have no recognition in the scale of pricing and that they shall discourage the making of covers of identical kinds in different colors of ink.

Covers on December 18 from Bellefonte, Pa., bear a cachet of the shape of a Keystone together with a small panel cachet bearing

the inscription "Home of Historic Bellefonte Academy". A wings cachet is also applied. And to finish the job a label has been added. Out of five covers at hand, no two of the labels are alike. How many different labels were used, we do not know.

Toledo, Ohio, used a cachet on the 18th December in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the New York to Chicago route and the cachet is a very neat and attractive one. We have covers with cachet in green, blue and magenta. On the back of the Toledo covers is a small round cachet stamped in magenta.

Cleveland, Ohio, also used a cachet for the same anniversary celebration and all covers we have seen are neatly stamped in a bluish black ink. We congratulate the parties who had this in charge and hope that other cities will follow the example that has been set in this case.

New Cachet on C. A. M. Route 9

On December 15, Oshkosh, Appleton, Green Bay and Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, were placed on the Air Mail by C. A. M. Route 9. Covers from all these cities came through promptly but out of about twenty that have been seen, none are backstamped.

The postmaster at Oshkosh must either be a stamp collector or someone has tipped him off, for one of the covers which the Editor sent from Oshkosh has been signed "Ernest P. G. Schlerf, P. M." Thanks Mr. Schlerf, you have added an interesting touch to the covers so signed and collectors everywhere will long remember you for this kindness.

The cachet used is similar to those used on Routes 17 and 18, the wording has been altered to suit this occasion. All cachets we have seen are in magenta.

Fast Air Mail

Mr. Wm. A. Verhas of Washington, D. C. has sent us a cover which shows by cancellations some very fast air mail flying. The cover bears the 2c and 5c Aeronautics Conference stamps and is addressed to a Washington, D. C., address. In the corner of the envelope the endorsement reads "Air Mail—via Richmond, Va." The stamps are cancelled at the Chamber of Commerce Office with the green cancellation marks and the time is 4 p. m. December 12. On the back of the cover is a Richmond, Va., cancellation which shows the time at 3:30 a. m. December 12. Just twelve and one-half hours earlier than the Washington cancellation. We know that some remarkable stunts have been pulled off in aviation but we do not believe that this stunt as

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New Air Mail Envelopes

One of our Washington correspondents advises us that the new Air Mail Envelopes will appear as a New Year's Gift to Collectors on January 1st. He states that this is absolutely private information.

South American Air Mail

The Postal Bulletin carries the information that "beginning with the dispatch from Barranquilla, Colombia, on December 29, 1928, the air mail service from Barranquilla, Colombia to Guayaquil, Ecuador, will be weekly (on Saturdays) instead of fortnightly as heretofore.

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port from sources that lead us to believe that the paper is appreciated. Our present goal is 2000 paid subscribers and we are happy to say that we are well on the way to this goal. Our entire effort thus far has been to build up the subscription list. Outside of the advertising contracts which were solicited before the first number of the publication we have made but little effort to solicit new advertising accounts. Most of the copy we have printed has come voluntarily and without solicitation on our part. We feel that we owe much in the way of thanks to the advertisers who have patronized us thus far.

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